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Sincerely,

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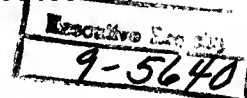
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BRIEF FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Reports for the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

1. During your briefing to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on 19 June 1957 various members of that Committee expressed interest in announcements by the US, USSR, and Japanese of Soviet nuclear tests and also in the sources of thorium supply available to the USSR.

2. The attached letter for your signature forwards reports recently prepared by NED/OSI in response to their interest.



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